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Red Ribbon Week set for Oct. 26-Nov. 3

by Linda Hodge, Editor

As the concern over substance abuse seems to increase daily, educators, parents and officials struggle to find ways to also increase awareness among today's youth about the dangers associated with the use of drugs.

In that regard, Alabama has taken one step towards this goal with Gov. Don Siegelman proclaiming the week of Oct. 26-Nov. 3 as Red Ribbon Week throughout the State.

This yearly campaign was created several years ago in remembrance of DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) Agent Enrique Camarena who was killed by drug traffickers in Mexico. It represents an opportunity for individuals to demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by contributing to or participating in some type of anti-drug program or activity and wearing and displaying red ribbons (representing no use of drugs during Red Ribbon Week).

Gov. Siegelman has said Red Ribbon Week is a chance to be visible and vocal in efforts to bring about a drug-free Alabama since research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol and drugs when parents and other role

models clearly and consistently state their opposition to substance use and abuse.

By signing the proclamation,

Gov. Siegelman urged the citizens of Alabama to be visible and united in their prevention efforts to help reduce the demand for drugs.



Elba Mayor James Grimes recently signed a proclamation acknowledging the month of October as International Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Alpha Delta Kappa is an international honorary sorority for women educators and strives to give recognition to outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators, add to their effectiveness in the promoting of excellence in education, establish high standards of education and promote educational and charitable projects and activities enriching the lives of individuals everywhere and assisting these individuals into happy, constructive and fulfilling lives. Representing the sorority for the proclamation signing was Nadine Scarborough of Elba.

MUSIC MEMORIES. Several months ago, a committee began working on the possibility of having a reunion for former band members of the Elba Marching "Iron" Band. That work paid dividends last Friday, Oct. 18, during the Elba High School Homecoming festivities as an enormous crowd of "old" band members showed up for the event. This year's edition of the band marks the 60th year Elba has fielded a marching band, and a great deal of memories were shared last Friday evening as the former band members gathered before halftime to watch the current band perform. At the end of the band's performance, the old members hit the field once again this time with kazoes instead of instruments and joined the current members in playing the fight song. In the picture above, the "old" band members were an opportunity to practice the "fight song" with their kazoes before halftime after a late-second quarter touchdown was scored by the Tigers. The sound wasn't nearly as loud as the members once made with their horns, but the commitment seemed to still remain as each gave it 110 percent.

Standard Time

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back One Hour Saturday Night!

Coffee County Children's Policy Council receives grant Patsy English of Elba named youth development facilitator

The Coffee County Children's Policy Council has been awarded one of 30 grants from the Alabama Department of Children's Affairs to hire a youth development facilitator for Coffee and Covington counties.

Funding for this comprehensive youth program comes through ADECA from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) with a focus on academics, life skill training and job development opportunities for youth, ages 14-21.

The Coffee County Commission will serve as the fiscal agent for the grant in compliance with Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs requirements.

Patsy English of Elba has been selected to serve as the Youth Development Facilitator for the program and will serve both Coffee and Covington county areas. English holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Troy State University and has taught school in Coffee and Geneva County, and served as Site Coordinator for an at-risk afterschool remediation program in Jackson County School System in Florida. She has experience in teaching, job interview training, computer training and other skills related to preparing young people for careers.

The program will focus on in-school and out-of-school at-risk and economically disadvantaged youth, giving them opportunities they may otherwise not have. While there are several

other community programs that are helping in these areas, this grant will serve as a complementary focus, because the youth will now have someone who can help them identify specific needs and then link them to the appropriate resources already in place. According to English, this program is looking to be a service of referral, cooperation and participation in the communities served.

The program is also looking for community involvement through partnerships with churches and other non-profit agencies, businesses and schools. The youth and employers will be the long-term beneficiaries of this cooperative effort.

English's office will be housed in the South Alabama Skills Center, 2021 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise. She will be part of Enterprise CareerLink in the Alabama Career Center's One Stop System.

Programs offered in cooperation with educational systems will include tutoring, GED prep,

Riley, Republican; and John Sophocleus, Libertarian.

For Lieutenant Governor: Lucy Baxley, Democrat; Bill Armistead, Republican; and Lyn Curtis Adams, Libertarian.

For U.S. Senator: Susan Parker, Democrat; Jeff Sessions, Republican; and Jeff Allen, Libertarian.

For U.S. Representative, 2nd Congressional District: Charles Woods, Democrat; Terry Ayerell, Republican; and Floyd Shuckelrod, Libertarian.

For Attorney General: Boyd Whigham, Democrat; Bill Pryor, Republican; and Wilson Myers, Libertarian.

For State Senator, District No. 31: Jimmy W. Holley, Democrat; and Gregory B. White, Republican.

For State Representative, District No. 91: Terry Spicer, Democrat; and West Howell, Republican.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court: James H. Anderson, Democrat; Harold See, Republican; and Tom Bear, Libertarian.

For Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 1: Vicky Underwood Toles, Democrat; and William C. (Bill)

Thompson, Republican.

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 1: Eric B. Funderburk, Democrat; H.W. "Bucky" McMillan, Republican; and Troy E. Allen Jr., Libertarian.

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2: Florence Mangum Cauthen, Democrat; and Pam "Walking Baschup, Republican.

For Secretary of State: Nancy L. Worley, Democrat; Dave Thomas, Republican; and Mark Rodenhause, Republican.

For State Treasurer: Stephen Foster Black, Democrat; Kay Ivey, Republican; and Chad "Gabe" Garland, Libertarian.

For State Auditor: Carolyn Gibson, Democrat; Beth Chapman, Republican; and Franklin Reeves, Libertarian.

For Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries: Ron Sparks, Democrat; J. Lee Alley, Republican; and Maude G. Hulcher, Libertarian.

For Public Service Commission, Place No. 1: Jan Cook, Democrat; Charles B.

Martin, Republican; and Dick Clark, Libertarian.

For Public Service Commission, Place No. 2: Greg Pierce, Democrat; George C. Wallace Jr., Republican; and Matthew B. "Cardy" Abernathy, Libertarian.

For Member, State Board of Education, District No. 2: Charlotte Kirkland Williams, Democrat; and Betty Peters, Republican.

For Coffee County Sheriff: Ben Mobley, Democrat; and Ricky Barnes, Republican.

For Coffee County Revenue Commissioner: Donnie Larris, Democrat; and Ronnie Burns, Republican.

For Member, Coffee County Board of Education, District No. 7: Danny A. Jerigan, Republican.

For Coffee County Coroner, Elba Division: Marvin McIlwain, Democrat.

For Coffee County Coroner, Enterprise Division: Robert L. Preachers, Democrat; and Mike Gomez, Republican.

Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. On Friday, Oct. 25, the Elba Tigers will travel to Grove Hill to take on Clarke County, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Wicksburg, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Pleasant Home, the Zion Chapel Rebels will be at home against Cottonwood and the Brasley Bulldogs will travel to Florida. All games will begin at 7:30 p.m. except the Kinston and Zion Chapel games which will begin at 7 p.m.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m., in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

HALL-ELIJAH FEST 2002 will be held Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-9 p.m. instead of Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Elba Recreation Center.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS DAY will be Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 3:30-6 p.m. at the high school. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend as all will have an opportunity to meet with teachers and take a tour of the facility.

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY TIME will be held Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-6 p.m. at the library for children ages 3-5.

COFFEE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD will conduct its regular quarterly board meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24, 5 p.m., at the county office complex in New Brockton.

NOTICE

The last day to register in the Nov. 5, 2002 general election is Friday, Oct. 25. For more information about voting status or polling place, please call the Coffee County Board of Registrars in New Brockton at 854-2607 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Shay Johnson
 Miss Elba



Sarah Maddox
 Miss Zion Chapel
Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant set for Friday & Saturday

Miss Elba Shay Johnson; Miss Zion Chapel Sarah Maddox; and Miss Kinston April Hawthorne will be representing their communities at the Miss National Peanut Festival pageant on Friday, Oct. 25 (preliminaries) and Saturday, Oct. 26 (finals) at 7:00 p.m. both nights at the Dothan Civic Center.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Finally! Dirt is being moved on the Elba levee rehab project. Actually the heavy equipment is clearing trees and underbrush from on and adjoining both inside and outside of the levee, first to make room for the technical work of actually digging into and rebuilding the Elba levee. This has been a long time coming but no less appreciated. We need to prepare our brains for some problems throughout this project. . . there will be times when the levee rehab project gets in the way of our work and/or playing, but it must be. That is the price we pay for progress.

Last week one man took up the suggestion on hearing our opinions of how to mark the ballot for the upcoming election. Of course he wasn't needing advice, just wanted to know our opinion. We knew at the time that this individual knows more about most of the candidates than we can ever hope to know. However, we went down the list as honestly as possible. While he didn't tell us a single candidate he was supporting, his comments on our personal selections gave him away. Each time he agreed with our choice, the comment was "Good!" On others there was silence . . . which can speak volumes at a time like this. In spite of our differences in some races, we agree he is voting right, because he is voting his convictions. . . and it is well informed convictions.

There is a lot of complaining about all the mud slinging going on in the political arena right now, both in Alabama and in other states. People are saying it turns them off, however these politicians hire experts to lead their campaigns and these folks aren't dummies. Poll takers will tell you that right after candidate "A" reveals something dirty on his candidate "B", the poll numbers for Candidate "A" will jump several points. Therefore candidate "A" will keep pounding and pounding with the same message, thinking it worked at first, let's be sure everyone has this bit of dirt engraved on their mind . . . or something like that. The part of the mud slinging that actually bothers us the most is the twisting of the truth, and many are guilty of this. They take truth and twist it to sound like a capital murder case, when often it was only a matter of someone briefly stumbling on a rocky trail in the dark. (Of course each of us knows that is not the case for those candidates opposing our personal favorites. . . they were all bad guys from the very start.)

The sniper shootings continue in the Washington D.C. area. There was at least one more death on Tuesday of this week. We are part of the news media, but feel strongly that this case is being investigated entirely too much in the public eye. This is no fault of law enforcement agencies, but media outlets fighting for viewers, listeners, and/or readers. Probably the worst part is the interviews with retired experts in various fields who explain how investigators have gone about catching crooks under similar conditions. As the experts explain certain common mistakes, traps which can be set, etc., the criminals out there can double check to be sure they are not caught by that mistake.

Saturday night is the time to change our clocks, reverting to "real time" after a summer of saving daylight hours. It will be amusing to listen at the number of people who will blame the change on them not making it to church on Sunday. Even though they will actually have an extra hour to get ready (or sleep - whatever), it will be used, as it has been before.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following "patients" admitted during the time period of October 14, 2002, through October 20, 2002. They were: Vonelle Sanders, Idell Smith, Sharon McCarther, Ashley Chandler, Vonelle Sanders, Sharon McCarther, Brandi Caldwell, Charly Chauncey, Vanessa Allen, Gloria Coker, Sara Jimmerson, Donnie Golden, Katelyn Hutto, Austin Lindsey, Amanda Scott and

Kozie Pink. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Keleida Griffin, Yvonne Daniels, Sharon McCarther, Ashley Chandler, Vonelle Sanders, Sharon McCarther, Brandi Caldwell, Charly Chauncey, Vanessa Allen, Gloria Coker, Sara Jimmerson, Donnie Golden, Katelyn Hutto, Austin Lindsey, Amanda Scott and

Elba Elementary School Menu Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, 2002	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Sliced Peas, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Flet Sandwich, Corn, Green Beans, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Corn Dog, Tumpeas, Macaroni & Cheese, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tarts, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Ice Cream, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad, Blackeyed Peas, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk

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Everett announces passage of \$768 million in new weapons funding

Southeast Alabama defense workers will benefit from the House passage of the final 2003 defense appropriations bill Thursday, which spends \$768 million on weapons systems partially produced in the Second

District and \$23 million on military base enhancements. Congressman Terry Everett, R-Rehoboth, announced.

"The war against terrorism and defense modernization is having a real impact on military

weapons procurement in the 2003 defense budget and Southeast Alabama is well-positioned to benefit as a number of key weapons systems are partially produced here," said

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Linda,

It is with pleasure that I write this letter to endorse Keith Ward for Coffee County School Board District One.

Keith has a child in school at Zion Chapel Elementary and another that will start school in a couple of years. I feel that he will be able to serve all the people of District One fairly and with concern for each child and parent. He is very involved with the school and community activities. Keith is active with the Little League activities at Zion Chapel and takes pride in helping to teach young children to be their best in whatever they undertake. He is committed to doing his best to enrich the lives of the students, teachers, administrators and parent.

I am asking all my friends and relatives in District One to join me in voting for Keith Ward for Coffee County School Board. Sincerely,
Tom Dwyer

Dear Linda,

During my campaign for the Republican nomination for Coffee County School Board District One, I was fortunate to have met some of the nicest people and enjoyed visiting with them. I was also fortunate to have an opponent, Keith Ward, who ran a very clean race. He and I talked many time during the course of the race, and I soon realized that we were in agreement on most of the issues. He and I both have children in school at the present time.

I feel that if elected he would serve District One well. I plan to vote for him Nov. 5 and would like to encourage all my family, friends, supporters and anyone else who would like to see our children's education given top priority to vote for him as well. May God bless you all and my God bless Keith Ward's campaign. Larry Dickey

Dear Mr. Cox,

I would like to thank you for your assistance in helping Elba and Geneva Levee projects become a reality. I know the Elba project is going well and we hope to get our levee project completed soon.

As you also like to see a thank Senator Jimmy Holley. Even though we are not a part of the 31st District, Senator Holley went to bat for our City when we were in need. It is comforting to know we have people in Montgomery like Jimmy Holley who knows and understands the needs of small towns in south-east Alabama. Sincerely,
Warren H. Beck
Mayor

Editor,

Alabama State Treasurer Candidate Kay Ivey's campaign contributor list that recently came out really bothered me. It showed that over half of her campaign contributions have come from big banks. To me, this is a definite conflict of interest for this particular state office.

The Treasurer's office guards the money of Alabama's taxpayers. It is the job of the Treasurer to invest this money in banks that provide the best interest rates to grow this money. It seems to me that, if Ivey is elected, she could have a hard time negotiating fairly with banks that she feels she owes something to.

A second thing that worries me about Ivey is how the Alabama Bankers Association endorsed her without ever contacting or interviewing her opponent, Stephen Black. It seems obvious to me that they are not endorsing her because they like her, but because of a vested interest in the office of State Treasurer. Stephen Black, on the other

hand, has received more than 84% of his campaign contributions from individuals throughout Alabama. This shows that Black is the candidate with the interest of the people in mind and less likely to fall prey to unfair negotiations with campaign contributors.

Black's campaign also has other definite advantages for the people of Alabama. Stephen Black has ideas to improve the Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Plan to make it more accessible to families that cannot afford the entire cost, and also a plan to create a program that would allow teachers and nurses who locate in troubled or under-served areas to get special home loan rates.

Carolyn Gibson will be a watchdog for the people of Alabama. Don't let her pleasant smile and Southern manners fool you. Under her leadership, the Auditor's office will continue to bring official misconduct to light.

I urge the voters to elect Carolyn Gibson as State Auditor. Robin Stalvey
17 Cox Rd. #920
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Dear Editor: For the last six months, we have seen Bob Riley spend millions of dollars from his fat cat contributors for commercials calling Don Siegelman names and accusing him of all sorts of "corruption."

Now, in polls, editorials, letters to the editors, and news stories, we see where people are seeing through Riley's mud-slinging. Riley is losing ground fast.

The news media caught Bob Riley lying about Don Siegelman's record. Riley accused Siegelman of letting no-bid contracts, but newspapers found that Riley was accusing Siegelman of issuing no-bid contracts that were issued by Riley's fellow Republicans, Bob James and Roy Moore. So much for "Mr. Integrity."

Another Republican complaint concerned emergency contracts. The Governor let to keep child support checks going to needy children. Not only was this complaint found groundless, but two Republican members of the Legislature signed an apology to Don Siegelman about it.

In July, the Ethics Commission dismissed a Republican complaint against the Governor's legal fees in a case (before he was Governor) that earned the State millions of dollars.

Just last week, the Ethics Commission dismissed a Republican complaint against a former Siegelman cabinet member.

It is clear that Bob Riley and his supporters have been filing frivolous complaints to generate negative publicity against the Governor. Bob Riley talks about Christian values. Maybe he needs to review the Ninth Commandment: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Not only has Don Siegelman run a clean administration, he has an outstanding record for bringing high-paying jobs to Alabama, and improving our schools. He has earned another four years as Governor.

John L. Jeff Jr.
3006 O'Conner Ct.
Helena, AL 35880

Dear Editor: Several months ago, a local friend introduced me to Carolyn Gibson, who is a candidate for State Auditor.

Carolyn Gibson made an immediate impression on me as an honest, dedicated, and intelligent public servant. She has been the chief of staff in the State Auditor's office for the last four years. Therefore, she will not have to spend half her term learning the ropes. I was happy to vote for her in the primary, and I will vote for her again in the general election.

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Dear Editor: This is going to be the first election I have had to vote for a candidate for Governor since turning 18, and I am proudly planning to cast that vote for Governor Don Siegelman.

Governor Siegelman has done more than any Governor has in my lifetime to bring new jobs to Alabama, and to build up our school system.

Governor Siegelman has brought thousands of high-paying jobs to every corner of Alabama. Toyota (Huntsville), Mercedes (Tuscaloosa), Hyundai (Montgomery), Pemco Aviation (Dothan), the UAB Biotech center (Birmingham), and Honda (Lincoln) come to mind.

Governor Siegelman has eliminated thousands of portable classrooms, and has put forth a solid, sensible, and fair plan to keep our schools adequately funded.

Bob Riley, on the other hand, has shown he cannot be trusted to tell the truth. He said he didn't owe anything, when he really had tax liens on much of his property. He said he would debate Governor Siegelman anytime, anywhere, then he wouldn't. He accused Governor Siegelman of issuing billions of dollars of no-bid contracts. Not

only was he wrong about the amount, he was deliberately including contracts issued by Chief Justice Moore and others. He said he would tell us the names of all his \$50,000 photo contributors. He hasn't.

Bob

LIFESTYLES

Crawley-Walker wedding to be held in November



Michelle Crawley & Randy Walker

Tyler Ballard announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of his mother, Michelle Crawley, daughter of Roger and Linda Crawley of Jack, Ala., to Randy Walker, son of Welden and Irene Walker of Troy, Ala.

She is the granddaughter of Pastine and the late Roger Crawley of Jack, Ala., and Bernice Calhoun and the late Willie B. Calhoun of Troy, Ala. She is currently employed in Elba.

Mr. Walker is a 1993 graduate of Charles Henderson High School, Troy, Ala., and a 1996 graduate of Sparks Technical College, Eufaula, Ala. He is currently employed in Troy, Ala.

A private ceremony will be held in November. The couple will reside in Troy, Ala.

Holidays in the South Bazaar to be held November 16

The NCO-EM Spouses Club and the OCSG are accepting applications from vendors for their annual Holidays in the South Bazaar to take place Saturday, November 16, 9-4 at Vano Hall, Bldg. 6005 Andrews Ave. Ft. Rucker.

All crafts must be handmade. No food items may be sold by vendors. All proceeds will go into the welfare fund for each club. For information or an application call Velma Bastin 774-4074 or Hannelore Wood 774-2016.

Bridal Registry
Renae Nicholson & Ken Matzelsberger
Shower 10/6/02 Wedding 11/2/02
Laura Hall & Jimmy Smith
Shower 12/8/02 Wedding 12/21/02

Holiday Open House
Thursday, November 7, 2002
5:30 Till 8:30 P.M.

BRIAR PATCH
On The Sq. Elba 897-8591

Deadline For Social News Is Monday



Sitting (l. to r.) Cupidean Taylor Clark, Lillian Baker Taylor, Dany, Allen Adams, Francis Watkins, Vanhan, Lorene Reeves Bryan Roberson, Nell Helms Hare, Sarah Cain Bolton, Kate Maddox Hale, Davis Dawkins Ham Galloway, Subline Walker, Wynell Chapman Myers. Standing (l. to r.) Donald Lee, Grady Thomas, Francis Bell Kirby, Laura Kelley, Pat Morrow, Fred Peter Martin, Ann Dunaway, Carolyn, Jimmy Farris, Sarah Poole Sullivan, Winston Ward, Gennene Elovine Kendrick, John C. Wilkerson, Sara Dyess Sharpless, Donald Kelley, Nell Sanders Kelley, Laila Bylles, Marageth Whitman Beale, Joe Meacham and Paul L. English.

EHS Class of 1947 hold Class Reunion

Thirty members of the graduating class of 1947, Elba High School, gathered on the 26th of September to renew friendships that had been interrupted 55 years ago by their graduation from high school. The classmates were welcomed in the conference hall of the National Service Insurance Company by Wynell Chapman Myers, class president.

New Brockton Fall Festival planned for October 31

New Brockton High School Fall Festival will be held Thursday, October 31, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the New Brockton Farm Center. Activities include hay rides, moon walk, free candy, cake walk, prizes and much more.

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Tuesday, October 29th

Schedule of Events

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| 11:30 a.m. | Entertainment
Provided by Resting Place |
| 12:00 noon | Registration of Members
Registration closes at 2 p.m. Bring your registration card. No duplicates will be allowed. |
| 12:30 p.m. | Entertainment
Provided by The Florida Boys |
| 1:30 p.m. | Business Session Begins
Call to order, Joe Faulk, attorney; Invocation; Drawing for three \$50 prizes; Reading of Notice of Meeting; Minutes of last meeting. |
| 1:35 p.m. | Entertainment
Provided by The Florida Boys |
| 2:00 p.m. | Registration Closes |
| 2:05 p.m. | Trustee Elections
Report of Manager, Max Davis; Election of Trustees Districts 3, 4 & At-Large |
| 2:50 p.m. | Major Prizes Awarded |

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LIFESTYLES

Miss Hall and Mr. Smith to be united in holy matrimony Saturday, December 21



Miss Hall & Mr. Smith

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hall, of Elba, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Denise Hall, to James Franklin Smith, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. James F. Smith, Sr., of Daleville, Ala.

Laura is a 1993 graduate of Elba High School and a 1998 graduate of Auburn University, where she received a bachelor's degree in Accounting. She will graduate in December from Troy State University, where she will receive her MBA in Information Systems. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gilliam, of Sparta, Tenn., and Mrs. Opal G. Hall, and the late Mr. Melvin G. Hall, Sr., of Dayton, Tenn.

Jimmy is a 1989 graduate of Daleville High School, Daleville, Ala., and a 1993 graduate of Enterprise State Junior College, where he received an Associate of Science degree in Computer Science. He is presently employed as the Vice-President of Information Systems at a local credit union. He is the grandson of Mr. Robert S. Harderode, of Bedford, Pa., and the late Mrs. Josephine Harderode, and Mr. Charlie F. Smith, of Geneva, Ala., and the late Mrs. Viola Smith.

The wedding is planned for four o'clock in the afternoon on December 21, 2002, at the Elba Church of Christ, Elba, Ala. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Christmas Festival 2002

Plans are now underway for the 15th Annual Christmas Festival to be held in Elba on the Saturday, after Thanksgiving, Nov. 30, on the historic county house square. Festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue on the square until 4 p.m.

This year's plans are expanded to include great entertainment throughout the day with a vast variety of local talent. There will also be numerous arts and craft exhibits, food vendors and an enormous focus on children's activities.

The annual Christmas parade begins at 4:30 p.m. The memorable lighting ceremony will take place immediately following the parade.

Call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125 for further information.

ELBA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION announces the following vacancies as listed for the 2002-2003 school year. Applications will be accepted beginning October 17, 2002 - November 11, 2002 for the following positions:

TRANSPORTATION
• Bus Drivers

Inquires should be made to Valerie Moore, Personnel Director at:

Elba City Schools
131 Tiger Drive
Elba, Alabama 36323
334/897-2801

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Mr. Harrison & Miss Phillips

Miss Phillips to marry Mr. Harrison on Saturday, November 30

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips, Jr., of Elba, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kayla L. Phillips to Christopher D. Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Harrison of Enterprise, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Julia Phillips and the late Frank Phillips, Sr. of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Henderson also of Elba.

Miss Phillips is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and later received a Master of Science degree in elementary education from Troy State University. She is currently working on a degree in school counseling. She is employed in Elba.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Charlie Drakeford, Jr., the late Hernine Salloway, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harrison, all of Brewton, Ala.

Mr. Harrison is a 1996 graduate of Enterprise High School. He is an active member of the United States Navy.

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Rev. & Mrs. J.L. Edgar to be honored with a 60th wedding anniversary reception

Reverend and Mrs. J.L. Edgar will be honored on October 26, 2002, with a reception to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Reverend and Mrs. Edgar's family will be hosting the event. It is scheduled from 4 until 6 on Saturday afternoon at the American Legion Center on Highway 87 in Elba. The couple's 60th anniversary date was December 24, 2001, but the reception had to be rescheduled due to the loss of a family member and Mrs. Edgar's health problems. An open invitation is extended to family and friends.

NEW ARRIVAL
BRENNAN KADE BEARD



Brennan Kade Beard

Kerry and J. H. (Maddox) Beard announce the birth of their son, Brennan Kade, born August 5, 2002, at Providence Hospital in Mobile. Kade weighed 8 lbs 9 oz and was 21 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Ms. Patricia Galloway Maddox and the late Mr. J. C. Maddox of Elba and Dr. and Mrs. Bobby Beard of Jackson, Ala., and great-grandfather, Mr. Milton Beard of Insee, Ala. Kade also has a big brother, Tyler of Mobile.

Opp Fest planned for October 26

Opp Fest 2002 will be held Saturday, October 26, 2002, from 10 a.m. until in the downtown area (intersection of Highway 331 and Highway 84). Free entertainment includes the Mike Speck Trio and a professional laser show. There will be continuous entertainment throughout the day, with a new act every hour. Exhibitions include: L.A. Cruisers Antique Car Show, Antiques and Art Show, Sales, Art Exhibit, Arts and Crafts Exhibitions, H.C. Maddox Sewing Exhibit, and 14 home cooking at the Tasters Table.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

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Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill

Glowing in this week's spotlight is junior LeeAnn Pridgen. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Jimmy and LeSee Chandler. LeeAnn is a member of the First Assembly Church and has an occupation as a receptionist at the Elba Glass Company. She is in the Elba band as a member of the colorguard and is also a member of VICA. Miss Pridgen has hobbies such as talking on the phone, shopping and mostly having fun.



LeeAnn Pridgen

Senior girls attend youth career summit

by Kimberly Farris

On Thursday, Oct. 3, the senior girls of Elba High School attended a Youth Career Summit for Women in Dothan, Alabama at the Dothan Civic Center. The senior girls participated in a career assessment that was directed by Dr. Carol Central, an apparel and textile management specialist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

The students also observed several career panels, exhibiting for several colleges, technical schools and hospitals, as well as other exhibitors. The students watched the "Dressing for Success Fashion Show" that was presented by Stein Mart. Department Store in Dothan and was modeled by Northview High School students.

At the end of the summit Exhibit, a musical group which started out performing in the Washington, D.C. area performed several songs.



by Brittany Cooper

The FCCLA (Future Career and Community Leaders of America) held its first meeting of the year in September. Officers for the year 2002-2003 were elected. The officers are: president - Summer Stricklin, vice president - Gale Olsen, reporter - Brittany Veit, historian - Stephanie Sanders, secretary - Annanda Henderson, parliamentarian - Ashley Key. The club has started its ham & turkey sale. This year, there are several new items such as, peppered bacon, pecan pies and sausage.

Please support our FCCLA program by buying from any FCCLA member. THANKS!!!

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Elba firemen speak to elementary students about fire safety

by Alex Benbow

On Oct. 10, members of the

Elba Fire Department brought in a camper trailer that was designed to simulate the smoke

of a fire to the elementary school. There were two levels of the camper, but everything



Several Elba Elementary students listen while firemen Wesley DeVane, Will Moore and Timmy Richards discuss various fire safety issues as part of National Fire Safety Week.

inside the camper would only fit a small child. All of the chairs were small, the sinks were small and even the dishes were small.

The reasoning behind the use of the camper is to teach kids about what they should and shouldn't do if their house caught on fire. The firemen led the kids through the living room of the camper to the upstairs bedroom of the camper and closed the door. After a minute, an artificial smoke was vented into the room with the kids and the instructor. The kids were told to use the back of their hand to see if the door was hot. If not, that meant the fire hadn't reached the door, and it was safe to open it. The instructor told one child to lead the way out and told everyone else to stay low until all were out of the trailer.

Hopefully, none of the children will ever have to use any of those things, but if they do, they will be more than ready to survive a fire.

Administration Spotlight

by Sheena Flowers

Mr. Mike Williams was born and raised in Greenville, Ala., where he obtained the first 10 years of his education. He spent the last two years of his high school education at Christian Christian Academy.

After high school, Mr. Williams signed a football and baseball scholarship to Troy State University, where he majored in physical education and minored in history. He later furthered his education by getting his certification in driver's education at Alabama State University.

Mr. Williams is currently in administration supervision from the University of Southern Mississippi.

In his 23 years of teaching, Mr. Williams has held several positions. He has been a principal at Elba High School, the head football coach at Jacksonville State University (1997-1999), assistant football coach and graduate assistant coach at the University of Southern Mississippi (1999-1997) and athletic director and assistant coach at several high schools, including Samson, Carroll and Andalusia.

When not in school, Mr. Williams enjoys softball, golf, bicycling and any kind of outdoor sports. He is also a member of the Elba Elks Lodge.

Elba because of the opportunity to be in administration, and he likes Elba High because it is a school filled with strong traditions. He said the community itself is very friendly and has been very welcoming since his move here.

Mr. Williams added that he is satisfied with Elba High, and feels that it is a safe, clean and well-disciplined facility with a great faculty, staff and student body.

Mr. Williams' efforts are felt throughout the school and are appreciated.

Band receives superior ratings in Brewton, Ala.

by Katie Driggers

On Oct. 12, the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band traveled to Brewton, Ala., to the Dixieland Band Tournament. At 2:45 p.m. the band performed in a festival type competition and received superior ratings. They were scheduled to play again that night, but the contest portion of the tournament was rained out.

Mr. Jeff Ellis, band director, said he is very pleased with the job the band has done this year. He is very excited to see the desire back in the students and is ready for an even better season next year.

Congratulations to our Marching Tiger Band on a job well done this season!

CCYLP elects officers during first meeting

by Aynona Procter

Session one of the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program (CCYLP) was held Sept. 23, 2002 at 7:30 a.m. The coordinator for the meeting was Mrs. Carolyn Sutley, who was assisted by Jessica Hathcock.

This particular meeting started off with a warm welcome by Mrs. Christina Cherry, director of F.A.C.E.S. Inc. Mrs. Cherry was just as new to the students as the students were to them.

The CCYLP members were rotating from groups all throughout the meeting talking and getting acquainted with their new classmates.

The CCYLP has in the past and will continue to select a group project for the year. This year's group selected the HRDC project. This project will require the students to take part in packing food boxes and toys which will be distributed to

needy families at Christmas. The students also elected officers for this year's program. Three members from Elba were selected: Ralston Moore, chairperson; Meredith English, graduation chairperson; and Aynona Procter, historian. All of the students handled the election process very well.

The meeting was concluded with a motion by its new chairperson, Ralston Moore.

Stokes serves as Technology/Federal Programs coordinator for Elba Schools

by Jessica Hathcock

Mr. David Stokes is the Technology Coordinator/Federal Programs Coordinator of the Elba City School System. Mr. Stokes has been with Elba for the past 12 years. He has served as principal, assistant principal and Coop coordinator. He also taught history, civics and computer applications. He also worked for Elba City Schools from 1975 to 1981. In between these, he owned a hardware store in Elba called Stokes True Value Hardware, which he was forced to give up because of the flooding.

Mr. Stokes attended Elba High School and was involved in football and dating. He also attended college at the University of Alabama for his undergraduate degree and Troy State for his Master's degree. He received a double major in history and business education. Mr. Stokes said he spent most of his time in college studying.

Mr. Stokes and his wife, Suzi,

have two children, Jake, 26, and Anna, 23. His favorite pastimes are riding his motorcycle to Florida or any other town in southeast Alabama and fishing.

When asked what was his favorite thing about working for Elba Schools, he said, "It's never the same thing from day to day. There's always something new."

Mr. Stokes added, "I have enjoyed watching this school system evolve and improve greatly over the past 10 years."

The Elba FFA placed first in the second year in a row with its Alabama National Fair FFA Exhibit.

The competition was held Oct. 4-13 in Montgomery at the Alabama National Fair in the Creative Living Center Building.

The Elba FFA submitted a fair exhibit along with four other FFA Chapters across the state for the competition. The theme for the exhibit was the National FFA theme "FFA Makes It Real."

The FFA members put together some ideas about how FFA makes it real for them and the articles were placed on display boards along with pictures and graphics for illustration. There were also birdhouses, toolboxes, shelves and other articles placed on the display, which were built by students in the agriscience program at Elba High School.

The Elba Chapter won the competition, receiving a blue ribbon and prize money totaling \$650.

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Career Counseling

by Kaci Grantham

As one of the counselors at Elba High School, Mr. Mike Canley helps students develop skills in the areas of personal, social growth, educational planning and career development. He is also responsible for student records and schedule.

Mr. Canley is involved in all areas of school counseling but enjoys working with students in grades 7 through 12 to develop their career interests and goals.

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KHS Faculty Spotlight



Genell Swift is a veteran teacher. She has been an elementary school principal, elementary teacher and is now teaching high school English for the first time. Mrs. Swift is married to Rev. Lee Swift and they have one son.



Rena Turner is a resident of Elba and graduated from Elba High School. She enjoys watching her son play pee wee football and watching her daughter cheer. She is proud to be a part of the Kinston High School faculty.

New principal oversees grades K-12 at Kinston

Kinston has a new principal this year. Mr. Mark Coale joined the Kinston Faculty and staff. He came to Kinston from Highland Home School. His wife, Jane, teaches at Zion Chapel. He has three children - Dana, Ben, and Betsy. He currently has a M.S. degree in Education Administration. He has attended Tidewater University and Troy State University in Dothan.

SUPPORT EDUCATION

Kindergarten class at Kinston visits petting zoo

The Kindergarteners from Kinston visited the "petting zoo" at the New Brockton Farm Center on Thursday, October 3rd. Farm animals and crops are brought in every year to let the students learn about what grows and lives on the farm. This trip is very much enjoyed by all. They receive peanuts to eat and corn to grind. The students love to touch and feel the different farm animals! Thanks to all who provide this activity year after year!



Edwards joins Kinston Faculty



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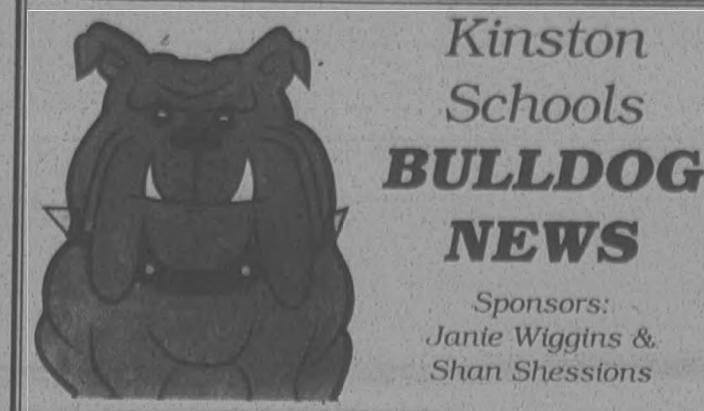
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KHS volleyball gets second place trophy at tourney

The Kinston High School Lady Bulldogs varsity volleyball team recently competed in a tournament hosted by Carroll High School in Ozark. The Bulldogs won each match during pool play and finished first in their pool. The Lady Bulldogs were defeated by Enterprise High School in the championship match. Coach Wiggins was extremely proud of the girls for finishing second in the tournament. The varsity volleyball team is currently 21-12 and was set to

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

Kinston High School will honor area veterans with a program and reception on Friday, Nov. 8, at 8 a.m. All veterans, their spouses, widows of veterans and community members are invited. Please contact Jennifer Sanders at 565-3027 for more information and to RSVP.



KHS student selected to play basketball in Hawaii

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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Elba High celebrated homecoming last week and that meant that Melanie had to make a quick shopping trip during the week to get something to wear to the dance. As a junior high cheerleader she had to wear her uniform at the game while selling programs, but made a quick change after the game and made a very pretty date after changing clothes and touching up her make-up and her hair. It is hard to believe that my baby girl has now been to two homecoming dances, or that she is really thirteen years old. Help!!!!

TIGERS CELEBRATE HOMECOMING WITH EASY WIN

The Elba Tigers invited Calhoun to their homecoming celebration Friday night and then proceeded to dance all around them as they rolled to an easy 47-6 win. The Tigers jumped all over their guests early on and opened up a 33-0 first quarter lead, then ran the clock non-stop and let everyone dressed in black and gold get in on the action. While Elba could have easily run up a big score and possibly even hit the century mark, Coach Waters gave his youngsters that work so hard every week in practice the chance to get in some varsity action and gave many members of the junior team the chance to get a taste of varsity competition a year early. The win has been a little boring at times to many of the Elba fans in the stands, but it was nothing but fun for the Tigers, and gave the Tigers a chance to relax after struggling against their region opponents in recent weeks. It was a win that every single player could smile about, and that was what counted as much as the win itself.

The Elba defense scored the first and last touchdown of the game on a fumble return and an interception return, and also returned another interception deep into Calhoun territory to set up another Tiger touchdown. The defense has been solid throughout the season, and Friday night got the chance to put some points on the scoreboard and made the most of the opportunity. Elba's offense could have run the toss sweep every play of the game and maybe scored 80 or 90 points, easy. The Tiger offensive line dominated play every time the ball went wide, and Elba's backs looked like they had come out early to practice on just about every touchdown as they rambled into the endzone untouched, time and time again.

I know that the level of competition was not the best in the world. However, I also know that it was the play of the Tigers that made Friday night's win as big as it was. The Tigers practiced in the rain during the week, skipped the homecoming parade to concentrate on the job at hand, and then went out and played like the Tigers everyone had been looking for all season long. Okay, maybe Calhoun was that bad. But, Friday night maybe Elba was just that good!

AREA TEAMS HAVE YET ANOTHER SO-SO WEEK

The area teams hit the field Friday night in region play and it was just another so-so week as New Brockton and Brantley posted wins and Kinston and Zion Chapel suffered losses. Here is a quick look back at week #8.

*** **New Brockton (5-3)** - The Gamecocks spotted G.W. Long an early score and then took command in posting a 24-6 win over the Rebels. Both teams entered the game with 2-3 region records and hopes of making the playoffs, but New Brockton dashed any Long High hopes by the end of the second quarter and then totally dominated play throughout the second half. With two games left on the schedule, it looks like these Gamecocks are determined to leave their mark.

*** **Brantley (6-2)** - The Bulldogs scored at will in posting a 47-0 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels and clinched the region championship at the same time. The Bulldogs used a punishing defense to set the offense up in excellent field position throughout the game, and the offense barely broke a sweat as the Bulldogs gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about. Brantley was expected to be much improved this season, and hasn't let anyone down.

*** **Kinston (3-4)** - The Bulldogs scored first and made a lot of noise late, but ran out of time and suffered a hard fought 29-20 loss to Cottonwood. Kinston trailed 22-7 in the fourth quarter before rallying to pull within 22-20, and the fact the 'Dogs did rally showed just how far this team has come in recent years under the leadership of Coach Gary Glass and his staff. Even when the Bulldogs lose, they play hard and never give up.

*** **Zion Chapel (0-8)** - The Rebels were simply no match in a 47-0 loss to Brantley and are still looking down the barrel of a winless season. Zion Chapel was unable to challenge the Bulldogs on either side of the ball, and the only thing in question Friday night was how bad would it be. Just hope the young Zion Chapel players will keep their heads up and go down fighting in their final two games, and not simply go through the motions.

WEEK #8 ACTION FILLED WITH KEY REGION MATCH-UPS

The eighth week of the high school football season has now come and gone, and in a week filled with region match-ups, it was a fun week for the fans all across the state. Here's a look back at the week that was....

*** **The Opp Bobcats** jumped out to an early 18-0 lead before falling to Ashford 33-18 in a game that hurt the Bobcats chances of making the playoffs. A win this week over Geneva will probably still get Opp in the post-season party, but after getting ahead 18-0 and losing, the Bobcats could have very well seen their playoff

plans put on hold for another season.

*** **Carroll, of Ozark**, upped its record to 6-2 and clinched a playoff berth with an easy 38-20 win over Escambia County. The Eagles had been whipping boys for the past several years for any and all opponents, but this season the Eagles have been flying high and could very well be a surprise team in the 5A ranks once the playoffs begin. It is great to see football alive and well over in Ozark.

*** **Daleville** wrapped up its first region title in years with a big 35-20 win over Dale County. The Warhawks brought in John Moten with hopes of bringing the program back to dominance, and while the 'Hawks still may not be a dominating force in the 4A ranks, they are on the way back to the top and will be a team to reckon with once the playoffs get started in just two weeks.

*** **Eufaula** wrapped up its region crown with a dominating 34-0 win over Greenville, and it now looks like the Tigers could very well be a 5A contender. Elba dropped a preseason game to Daleville and then lost its season opener to Pike County and many thought the Tigers could be headed for a tough season. However, Coach Shane Wasden righted the ship in a hurry and now has his team riding the crest of a seven game winning streak.

*** **Geneva** snapped a three game losing streak and kept its playoff hopes alive with an exciting 28-20 win over Rehoboth. The Panthers have been a disappointment since the loss to a lack of experience, and while it has taken a while to get settled in, maybe now the Panthers are ready to take that next step and head back to the top in 4A football circles.

*** **Enterprise** hosted top-ranked Opelika in a region battle last week and got taken to the woodshed to the tune of 42-10. The Wildcats claimed a moral victory the week before in a tough loss to Vigor and were even picked by their local sportswriter to upset the #1 Bulldogs. However, the 'Cats were simply no match for Opelika and it is obvious that the folks over in Enterprise still have a lot of work to do before they can contend in the 6A ranks.

*** **Pike County** jumped out to a 19-0 second half lead and held on late to escape with a 19-13 win over T.R. Miller. Many thought the tradition rich Tigers might knock off the undefeated Bulldogs, but Pike County pulled ahead early and survived a late Miller rally to move to 8-0 on the season. Pike County's lack of depth may still come back to haunt the Bulldogs in the playoffs, but after eight weeks they are still 18 and undefeated.

*** **W.S. Neal** ended Straughn's hopes of a perfect season by knocking off the Tigers 27-20, in East Brewton. The Eagles have recovered from a slow start to become a solid 3A club, while it will be interesting to see how the Tigers rebound from a loss after having claimed seven straight wins. The real season is yet to come for both teams.

AN INTERESTING WEEK FOR COLLEGE TEAMS

The college football season is at the midway point and last week-end was an interesting week for three of the so-called major college teams in the state. Here is what I saw....

*** **Alabama** was supposed to be too strong up front for Ole Miss and made the sportswriters look smart as they over-powered the over-rated Rebels 42-7. The Crimson Tide jumped ahead early and then pulled away late to claim the big win, and even an injury to Tyler Watts wasn't enough to keep the game close. It looks like Coach Fran is still the man up in Tuscaloosa.

*** **Auburn** rallied from a big deficit and had a chance to upset the Florida Gators, but a breakdown in the kicking game sent the game into overtime and the Gators then escaped with a 30-23 win. Coach Tuberville did nothing to quiet his critics thanks to a faked punt out of the Auburn endzone that resulted in three points and then the blood on the field got dry, that could have won the game, and maybe soon he will be wearing Osmore yellow instead of orange and blue.

*** **Troy State** slipped to 2-6 with a 24-7 loss to Marshall, and maybe the people in charge up in Troy will finally realize that losing to big schools may help pay the bills, but can take a big toll on the overall success of the program. The Trojans have played probably the toughest schedule in the nation, and while the bank statement may be in the black, the team is black and blue, and has even more whippings on the horizon. C'mon guys, almost every game on Troy's schedule is won or lost before the opening kickoff, and that does little to build a fan base or build a true major college program.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by Sunday afternoon and said that it looked like a quiet playoff season ahead for area fans, with Brantley and New Brockton being the only area teams headed for the post-season party. While the lack of local playoff action could lead to an early interest in high school hoops, there will still be plenty of football games to watch, and the die-hard fans may get the chance to venture out and see some teams they don't usually get to watch. Anyway, the local gossamer hit on 32 of 35 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 215-44, and came close to nailing the Elba game on the nose. Here are this week's picks....

In week #9 region match-ups

New Brockton and Kinston face must-win games

The ninth week of the high school football season will bring with it and end to the region races all across the state, and for two area teams the final week of region action will also make or break their hopes of making the post-season party. Following is a preview of this week's area games:

New Brockton Gamecocks at Wicksburg Panthers

The (5-3) New Brockton Gamecocks can clinch a berth in the upcoming state playoffs Friday night when they travel to Wicksburg to battle the (3-5) Wicksburg Panthers. The Gamecocks will enter the region contest with a 3-3 region record after last week's big 24-6 win over G.W. Long, and can wrap up a spot in the playoffs with a road win over the Panthers. Wicksburg opened the season with a bang as the Panthers jumped out to a quick 2-0 record with wins over Arton 15-12 and Geneva County 32-28, but the Panthers only win since week #2 was a 30-24 win over Cottonwood, coupled with losses to Red Level 26-14, Slocomb 30-15, Samson 19-0, G.W. Long 28-18 and Houston Academy 49-7. Wicksburg is a very dangerous team and is more than capable of knocking off the Gamecocks, which means New Brockton must come to play Friday night when it takes the field.

Kinston Bulldogs at Pleasant Home Eagles

The (3-4) Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to keep their slim playoff hopes alive Friday night when they head over to Covington County to tangle with the (5-3) Pleasant Home Eagles. Kinston will enter the region finale tied for fourth place in the region along with Arton, Houston County and Cottonwood with a 3-3 region record, and needs a win to keep any playoff hopes alive. Pleasant Home will enter the game with a three-game winning streak and a playoff berth already secured. The Eagles have claimed wins over Zion Chapel 55-0, Cottonwood 36-33, Florida 35-6, Houston County 14-8 and Arton 28-7, while losing to Straughn 27-6, Brantley 31-0 and Red Level 18-16. The Bulldogs will be huge underdogs on paper, but will be fighting for their playoff lives and should carry the fight to the Eagles.

Cottonwood Bears at Zion Chapel Rebels

The (0-8) Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to post their first

ELBA AT CLARKE COUNTY

The Pea River feltnes may be out of the playoff picture, but they still have plenty to prove to their region opponents and will be looking to scratch out a win this week when they head over to Grove Hill to tangle with the Bulldogs from Clarke County. An Elba win will knock the Bulldogs out of the post-season party and give the Tigers a shot at posting a second straight winning record, and that may be just enough to get the Tigers back home with win #15 late Friday night.

ELBA 27 CLARKE COUNTY 26

NEW BROCKTON VS. WICKSBURG

The Gamecocks kept their playoff hopes alive last week with a big win over the Rebels from over in Skipperville, and this week will hit the road when they invade Wicksburg for a battle with the Panthers. While Brockton has had some problems against teams with speed, the Gamecocks have learned that their opponents can't score if they don't have the football, and this week the Gamecock offense should be able to score enough points for the Brockton faithful to make their reservations for the post-season party.

NEW BROCKTON 24 WICKSBURG 13

KINSTON VS. PLEASANT HOME

Back before the season kicked off most football fans down near the county line thought their Bulldogs would be lucky to win more than one or two games, but the 'Dogs have been the surprise team of the area and could actually make the playoffs with a win this week, and a little luck. Pleasant Home has been solid all season, however, and the Eagles might just have a little too much for the 'Dogs to handle.

PLEASANT HOME 27 KINSTON 16

ZION CHAPEL VS. COTTONWOOD

The Rebels from up in Jack have been shooting blanks for most of the season and this week will run head on into a batch of hungry Bears from over at Cottonwood. If the Zion Chapel artillery can load up and hit its mark it could keep it close, but I am afraid the Bears will be starving after their long trip to Coffee County and might munch down on the youthful Rebels.

COTTONWOOD 48 ZION CHAPEL 14

BRANTLEY VS. FLORALA

The Bulldogs from up in Crenshaw County will take a trip toward the state line Friday night and have a chance at running the board in the region with a win over the lowly Wildcats. Florala will be a little more confident than usual due to its win over Zion Chapel two weeks ago, but the 'Cats will find these 'Dogs to be out of their class. Get there early, because they might let the clock run all four quarters in this one.

BRANTLEY 52 FLORALA 6

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Prattville 21 R.E. Lee 7

win of the season and put an end to their 12-game losing streak Friday night when they host the Cottonwood Bears. The Rebels saw their victory drought reach twelve games last week with a 47-0 loss to region champ Brantley, and once again allowed their opponents to light up the scoreboard. The (3-5) Cottonwood Bears kept their playoff hopes alive last week with a key win over Kinston, and will be looking to go 4-3 in the region this week against the Rebels. The Bears have claimed wins over Florala 33-6, Arton 47-32 and Kinston 29-20, while losing to Rehoboth 21-7, Brantley 29-12, Pleasant Home 36-33, Wicksburg 30-24 and Houston County 12-6. While the Bears will be heavy favorites, the Rebels will be at home and should fight hard to defend their turf.

Brantley Bulldogs at Florala Wildcats

The (6-2) Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to end the region wars with a perfect 7-0 record Friday night when they head down to the state line to battle the (1-7) Florala Wildcats. The Bulldogs clinched the region title last week with a 47-0 win over Zion Chapel, and can close out a perfect run through region foes this week against the 'Cats. Florala snapped its 27-game losing streak two weeks ago with a 31-6 win over Zion Chapel, but dropped a 41-25 decision to Houston County last week, and will be playing for pride in the Friday night encounter. This one looks like a mismatch on paper, but the Wildcats could have a few tricks up their sleeves and could keep it interesting.

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In 47-6 homecoming win

Tigers crush Calhoun

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about early and then let everyone dressed out in black and gold get in on the fun as the Tigers obliterated the Calhoun Tigers 47-6 Friday night in Tiger Stadium.

The win evened Elba's record at 4-4 and moved the Tigers to 2-1 in region play, while Calhoun fell to 0-8 with the loss.

The Tigers kicked off to open the game, but still needed only three plays to get on the scoreboard as Calhoun's third play from scrimmage Kirby Gray scooped up a lateral and raced 11 yards into the endzone. Marcus Henderson kicked the extra-point, and with 11:32 left in the opening stanza the Tigers were on their way with a quick 7-0 lead.

The Tigers' offense took the field at its own 26-yardline after mild Calhoun threat and needed only five plays to cover the 74 yards to the endzone. Todd Horstead gained 42 yards on two carries to get the drive off to a fast start, while Dougie Pierson added 17 yards on two carries and scored the touchdown on an 11-yard dash. Marcus Henderson added the

extra-point, and with 7:18 remaining in the first quarter Elba's lead was up to 14-0.

Elba began its next possession at the Calhoun 30-yardline after a partially blocked punt by the Tigers' Jason Curran, and one play later the Tigers were right back in the endzone as Todd Horstead broke loose and scampered 30 yards for a touchdown. Henderson's extra-point was true, and Elba's lead stood at 21-0 with 5:23 still left in the opening quarter.

Tiger linebacker Marcus Henderson picked off a Calhoun pass and returned the interception 17 yards to set Elba up at the Calhoun 5-yardline only two plays after the ensuing kick off, and this time the Tigers needed only two plays to get back in the endzone, with the score coming on a 1-yard plunge by Mandell Carpenter. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 3:18 left in the first quarter the rout was on as Elba owned a 27-0 lead.

The Tigers began their next possession at the Calhoun 48-yardline after a short punt and three plays later were right back in the endzone. The score came on a 42-yard run by Dougie Pierson, and even though the extra-point try failed, Elba owned a big 33-0 lead with 44 seconds still remaining in the opening quarter of play.

Elba travels to Clarke County looking to play role of spoiler

The Elba Tigers will be looking to play the role of spoiler Friday night when they make the long trip to Grove Hill to battle the Clarke County Bulldogs in both team's final region contest of the season.

The Tigers, which were eliminated from playoff action last week, will carry a 4-4 overall record and a 2-4 region record into the first-ever meeting between the two teams, while Clarke County will enter the game with a 3-4 slate, 3-3 in region competition. Clarke County will need to win over the Tigers to keep its playoff hopes alive, and if the Bulldogs can defeat Elba and T.R. Miller defeated W.S. Neal, the Bulldogs will get the #4 seed out of the region.

Clarke County has one of the best looking teams we have faced all season," said Elba's Coach Mike Waters, "and they know coming into the game that they have to win to have a chance of making the playoffs. The game will be in Grove Hill and they are playing the game alive in the hunt for the playoffs. So, it isn't hard to see that Clarke County will be fired up and looking to play its best Friday night when we get to town."

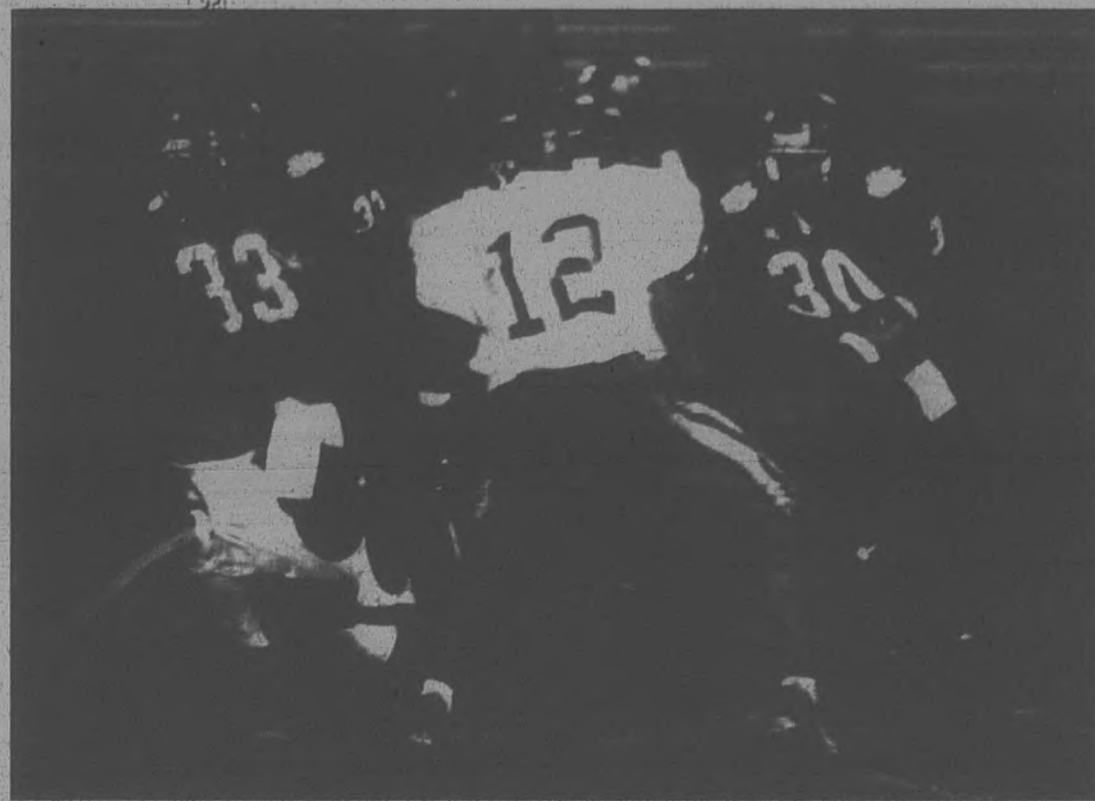
The Bulldogs of Coach Duane Davis opened the season with a big 48-14 win over Calhoun, but then fell on hard times and dropped consecutive losses to T.R. Miller 21-0, Straughn 28-19 and Jackson 35-19 to see their record slip to 1-3. Clarke County rolled up W.S. Neal 47-28 to keep revive its playoff hopes, and after a 15-21 loss to Pike County, bounced back last week with an easy win over Central, Hayneville, to claim its third region win of the season. "Clarke County has some great looking football players and as it showed in its big win over W.S. Neal, it can score a lot of points," added Coach Waters. "They have struggled on defense and after their first six games were allowing thirty points a game. If we are going to come home with a win Friday night we will need to maintain drives on offense and keep the clock running, and score points when we get the chance. We don't want to get in a scoring contest with Clarke County, and the best way to prevent that will be to maintain drives and control the clock. We need to establish the run to be effective on offense, and also be able to be effective passing when we go to the air. Over on defense, we need to play smart and be aggressive at the same time. Clarke County has a big offensive line and a lot of weapons, and has scored at least three touchdowns in every game this season except one. They can line up and run over you, or they can use their speed to get outside. We will have to tackle well, recognize their formations and not get caught trying to find the football. I am sure they will try to throw the ball against us, and our secondary will have to be alert and make some big plays. I believe we have the defense to play with anyone, and Friday night it will be tested once again by an outstanding high school football team."

"We are out of the playoff picture and Clarke County is fighting for its lives," said Coach Waters. "While the edge mentally would appear to be on their side, I believe that our young men still think they have something to prove, and will be ready to play Friday night when we take the field. We may not be going to the playoffs, and we are all disappointed about that. However, we can keep Clarke County out of the playoffs with a win, and that will make the give Friday night's game a playoff type game. We can still post our second straight winning season with wins in our final two games, and the first step toward that new goal will be to defeat Clarke County Friday night in Grove Hill. I hope all Elba fans will stick with these young men and make the trip to Grove Hill to show the players, and the Clarke County fans, just what kind of support we have. I know it is a long trip, but the players thrive off our fans and will certainly need them Friday night."

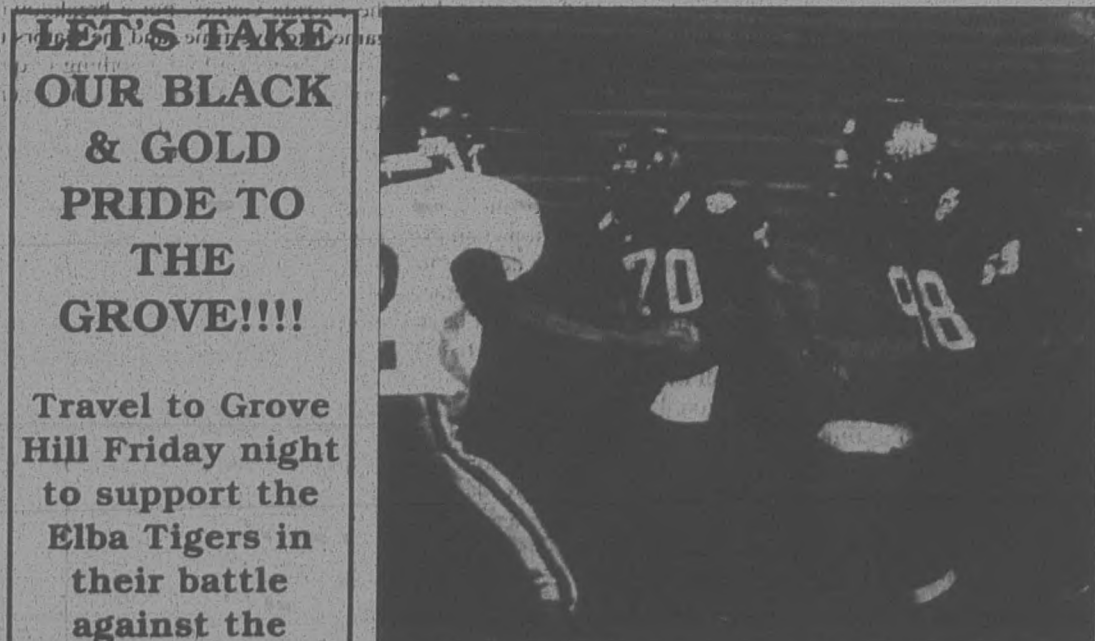
When asked about last week's easy 47-6 homecoming win over Calhoun, Coach Waters stated "It was a good win because it was a win we needed and because every single player that was dressed out got to play. I know that Calhoun didn't play well, but I also believe that it was at least partly because we played well. We worked hard during the week to get ready for Calhoun, and it showed from the opening series. We approached this game as a must win contest, and the players were all ready to hit the field and win their homecoming game. Calhoun had been playing better in recent weeks and were a lot better than we made them look Friday night, we were just ready to play and they backed down after we came out and took the fight straight to 'em. The offense could have scored on every possession if not for some mistakes and a couple of turnovers by the younger players, but it was great to get those players in the game that have worked so hard at practice all season. On defense we played hard and hit them from the opening snap. We wanted to dictate the game with our hitting on defense, and were able to do just that. It was a great crowd on hand Friday night for homecoming and our players all did their part to make it a happy homecoming for everyone involved."



ELBA HOMECOMING QUEEN AND HER COURT...Elba High Homecoming Queen Samantha Williams and her court reigned over festivities last week. Pictured above are (l-r) sophomore attendant Rebecca English, senior attendant Heather Hays, Queen Samantha Williams, freshman attendant Arrian Bowers and junior attendant Ayonna Proctor.



Elba Tiger 8th grade running back Stefaun Burks (30) looks for room to run as Cherrelle Edwards (33) heads upfield to make a block. Burks gained 45 yards on 7 carries in the Tigers' easy 47-6 homecoming win over Calhoun.



Elba's Marcello Reed (88) and Lewis Johnson (70) await a Calhoun runner in last week's big region win.

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Tiger tailback Mandrell Carpenter (22) looks for the endzone after finding a hole in which to run.

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KINSTON HOMECOMING QUEEN TASHA' REEVES AND HER COURT...reigned over the day's activities last week. The Bulldogs dropped their homecoming game to Cottonwood 29-20 to fall to 3-4 on the season.

Late Bulldog rally falls short

Kinston falls to Cottonwood 29-20

Story and photos by Tony Kelley

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Cottonwood Bears in a region match-up Friday night with both teams needing a win to keep their playoff hopes alive, and after a wild fourth quarter it was the Bears that left with the win as they outscored the Bulldogs 29-20.

Kinston received the opening kick in the first-ever meeting between the two teams and began marching down the field with both teams needing a win to keep their playoff hopes alive, and after a wild fourth quarter it was the Bears that left with the win as they outscored the Bulldogs 29-20.

After forcing a three and out, the Bulldogs found themselves right back in excellent field position at the Cottonwood 48-yard line. Kinston's Mattie Wilkerson powered into the endzone from 9 yards out, and Wilkerson also added the extra-point, as Kinston

grabbed a 7-0 lead with 2:36 remaining in the first quarter.

Cottonwood would not trail for long, however, as on the Bears ensuing possession Dwan Ward broke loose around the left side from 34 yards out and raced down the sidelines for a touchdown. Dexter Williams hooted the extra-point, and with 9:54 remaining in the second quarter, the two region rivals were tied at 7-7.

Cottonwood pounced on a Bulldog fumble on the ensuing kick off to put the Bears right back in business, and Cottonwood wasted little time cashing in on the turnover as Ward again broke loose and this time raced 28 yards up the middle of the Kinston defense for his second touchdown of the stanza. Williams tucked on the extra-point and with 8:23 left in the half Cottonwood had grabbed a 14-7 lead.

Kinston began a march toward the Cottonwood goal line on its ensuing possession and drove inside the Bears' 10-yard line, only to be stopped just inches short of the first down marker on a fourth down play.

as Cottonwood turned back the scoring threat and carried a 14-7 lead at intermission.

Cottonwood took the second half kick off and drove to near midfield, where on third down Charles Stallings blind-sided the Bear quarterback to force a fumble. The Bulldogs' Jody Davis scooped up the loose ball and returned it to the Cottonwood 21-yardline. However, the Bulldogs failed to cash in on the big turnover as Cottonwood's Queensy Stringer intercepted a Bulldog pass at the six-yardline to turn back the scoring threat.

Neither team was able to put any points on the scoreboard for the remainder of the third quarter, but Cottonwood would not need much time in the fourth quarter to add to its lead. Dwan Ward, on a third down and 11 from the Cottonwood 29-yardline, broke loose and this time raced 71 yards for his third touchdown run of the game. The Bears tackled on a two-point conversion, and early in the final stanza Cottonwood appeared to be in command with a 22-7 lead.

The Bulldogs needed a quick touchdown to get back in the game and got just what the doctor ordered, as Bedeolic and Wilkerson, running behind a determined offensive line, carried the ball deep into Cottonwood territory. Wilkerson capped off the scoring march with a 3-yard touchdown run, and even though a two-point conversion failed, the Bulldogs had trimmed the Cottonwood lead to 22-13 with 7:39 remaining in the game.

Kinston recovered an on-side kick on its ensuing kick off to put the Bulldogs offense back in business at the Cottonwood 45-yardline, and after a couple of unsportsmanlike conduct penalties against the Bears helped the Bulldogs head goal ward, Kinston got back in the endzone when JT Wiggins kept on an option and raced in from 5 yards out. Wilkerson kicked the extra-point, and with 6:24 remaining Kinston had cut the Cottonwood lead to 22-20.

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Stay alive in race for playoffs

Gamecocks dominate Rebels 24-6

Story and photos by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks claimed a big region win Friday night by defeating the G.W. Long Rebels 24-6, in New Brockton.

The win improved the Gamecocks' record to 5-3 overall and 3-3 in Class 2A, Region 2, and moved New Brockton only one win away from a trip to the state playoffs.

Defensively, the Gamecocks were led by Tyler Simmons with 8 tackles, while Randy Danford and Tanner Medley both had 7 tackles. Daniel Hernandez chipped in with 6 stops and 2 sacks, and Wesley McCormick, Joe Sawyer and LaNorris Smith all added one sack, apiece.

The Gamecocks' offense rolled up 352 yards in total offense on the night, with 251 yards coming on the ground and 101 coming through the air. Joe Sawyer hit on 7 of 9 passes for 101 yards, while Tyler Simmons pulled in 5 passes for 68 yards and Dusty Medley hauling in 2 catches for 33 yards. Simmons gained 172 yards on 18 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead the New Brockton rushing attack, while Ray Magwood scooped up the loose ball and returned it to the Cottonwood 21-yardline. However, the Bulldogs failed to cash in on the big turnover as Cottonwood's Queensy Stringer intercepted a Bulldog pass at the six-yardline to turn back the scoring threat.

Neither team was able to put any points on the scoreboard for the remainder of the third quarter, but Cottonwood would not need much time in the fourth quarter to add to its lead. Dwan Ward, on a third down and 11 from the Cottonwood 29-yardline, broke loose and this time raced 71 yards for his third touchdown run of the game. The Bears tackled on a two-point conversion, and early in the final stanza Cottonwood appeared to be in command with a 22-7 lead.

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A New Brockton Gamecock running back breaks a tackle and heads downfield in last week's big 24-6 win over G.W. Long. The Gamecocks can clinch a berth in the 2A playoffs this week with a win at Wicksburg.

Sawyer connected with Tyler Simmons on a 10-yard scoring strike. Pauyac's extra-point try was again successful, and with 8:01 left before the end of the half, the Gamecocks owned a 14-6 advantage.

While the New Brockton defense did allow a G.W. Long touchdown on the Rebels' first possession of the game, the Gamecock defense totally shut down the Rebels for the remainder of the game and held Long without a first down in the second half.

The Gamecocks received the second half kickoff and moved the ball down the field on a long, time-consuming drive that ate up over seven minutes of the clock, but didn't produce a touchdown. New Brockton did salvage three points when Miguel Pauyac drilled a 30-yard field goal, and with 4:33 left in the third quarter New Brockton's lead was up to 17-6.

The Gamecocks' final score came late in the final quarter when Tyler Simmons sealed the

big region win with a 33-yard scoring run around the left end. Pauyac's extra-point try was true, and with 2:46 remaining in the game the Gamecocks owned a 24-6 lead over the Rebels.

It Simmons didn't seal the win with his long touchdown run, he did so on the first play of the next G.W. Long possession when he intercepted a Rebel pass as the Gamecocks held on to post the impressive 24-6 region win.

New Brockton will be on the road this week for their final region match-up of the season when they battle the Wicksburg Panthers. Kick-off is set for 7:30 PM.

STATISTICS

NB	1st Downs	GWL
13	3	
251	Rushing Yds.	57
101	Passing Yds.	34
352	Total Offense	91
10	Penalty Yds.	20
21	Fumbles/Lost	0
0	Interceptions	2

Gets first win of season

Todd Boswell takes checkered flag

By Mark Chism

South Alabama Speedway was able to get three feature races in Saturday night before rains ended the night's program prematurely.

Derek Deese took the lead from Timbo Kendrick on the fifth lap and went on to win the Street Stock Feature. Deese started sixth, but quickly made his way to the front, moving into second by the second lap. Three laps later, Deese moved past Kendrick and led the rest of the way. Martin also got by Kendrick, but was unable to mount a serious challenge to Deese's lead. Chad Roberts

came from the seventh starting spot to finish third. Scott Morse was fourth, followed by Tim Hudson.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Todd Boswell outran Sam Smith to take his first win of the season. Smith was able to extend his narrow point lead over Perry Boin with his second place finish. Boin finished right behind Smith in third, John Singletary and Robert Colvin rounded out the top five.

Steve Joyner took advantage of Phillip Anderson's misfortune to win the Vintage Car Feature. Anderson led the first 20 laps before bringing out the caution and having to pit. Joyner

took over the lead and held off David Windham for the win. Anderson rejoined the race and came back to finish third. Jeff Rudd was fourth and Keith Hutchinson was fourth and fifth.

The Super Stock and Modified features were victims of the rain. The Super Stock Feature will be added to next week's line up with the class running on Nov. 25. The Modified class will have a 125-lap Feature next Saturday, with last night's feature being made up in the coming weeks.

For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539 or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamiaspeedway.com.

Kinston claims second place Ozark tourney

The Kinston Bulldog volleyball team competed in a tournament at Carroll High School, of Ozark, recently and claimed five wins in six matches to bring home the running trophy.

Bridgett Marlowe, who made the all-tournament team, recorded 36 kills and 30 digs during the six games and completed 29 of 47 serve attempts, while Hillary Sumblin had 40 digs, served 10 aces and handed out 15 assists. Haley Kilcrease served 12 aces and Mandy Loupe added 22 kills.

The wins upped Kinston's record for the season to 19-12.

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SPORTS



BRANTLEY HOMECOMING QUEEN AND HER COURT...reigned over last week's festivities and were honored at the Brantley-Zion Chapel football game on Friday night. Pictured are (l-r) Football Sweetheart Amy Walker, sophomore attendant Kayla Kervin, Senior attendant Tierra McClain, Queen Morgan Bush, junior attendant Jeri Bryan, freshman attendant Kandi Gooden and Football Sweetheart Amber Dates.

Remain undefeated in region standings

Brantley Bulldogs score early and often in 47-0 win over Zion Chapel

Statistics by Chris Winters
Photos by Chris Winters, Greg Brunson and Janet Brunson

The Zion Chapel Rebels made the short trip over to Brantley Friday night to battle the region champion Brantley Bulldogs and proved to be no match for the talented Bulldogs as Brantley scored almost at will (to post a big 47-0 homecoming win).

The win upped Brantley's record to 6-2, 6-0 in the region, while Zion Chapel slipped to 0-8 with the loss, 0-6 in region play.

Brantley received the opening kick off and promptly marched 56 yards in nine plays to score the first points of the night. Devaris Skanes gained 31 yards on 3 carries to highlight the short scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 10-yard pass from Channing Spivey to Cedric Brundidge. The extra-point try failed, but with 8:07 left in the first quarter Brantley was already on top 6-0.

The Rebels found themselves backed up at their own 17-yardline after the ensuing kick off, and were unable to punch the ball out, as on third down Josh Smith was sacked in the endzone for a safety that added two points on the Bulldogs' side of the scoreboard and upped Brantley's lead to 8-0.

Brantley's Lance Myers recovered the ensuing kick off at the Zion Chapel 39-yardline.

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Hunt the right spots to bag that buck

Several years ago I had the pleasure of dining with a gentlemen who had been very successful in harvesting more than a few large racked bucks. Hoping he would share at least a few of his secrets, I mustered enough courage to ask him what advice he would give other hunters to increase their success in the deer woods.

His answer was so simple, it made me think I had asked a stupid question. "Go hunting often where the deer are, be still, and don't stink," he said. Few hunters can argue with that simplistic but wise statement. Setting still and masking your body odor may be easier to accomplish than the first part of my friends advice about hunting where the deer are.

Deer, like other game, need food, water, and cover to survive. Finding enough food to survive consumes much of a deer's time. It is during this time spent traveling from the bedding area to the feeding area that deer are most vulnerable to hunters. Deer eat many varieties of plants, but each locale has varieties that are particularly favored by deer. If for some reason the particular food favored is not available this year, such as drought, disease, etc., they are forced to feed on something less preferred but in abundance enough to sustain them.

Every hunter knows that preseason scouting is essential to patterning deer movement. But just because a hunter finds a nice grove of white oaks doesn't necessarily mean the bucks will be running all over it on opening day. If it was a bad year and few acorns were produced, deer will be seeking other food sources. Also, a slim crop of acorns can be consumed in a very short time.

Deer often have to travel considerable distances in the arid southwest and other areas to find water, but not in Alabama. We are blessed with an abundance of streams that provide readily available water for our wildlife. While trying to find a spot that deer congregate to drink may not be productive, finding where they have developed a pattern of stream crossing may just be the place to bag a trophy.

Cover provides deer with safety and comfort. While does will readily cross an open area, mature bucks prefer not to. They will usually take advantage of the edge cover and skirt the opening for some distance rather than just ambling across open ground.

Big bucks will find a resting area or "comfort zone" where they can see, hear, and smell approaching danger. This "comfort zone" will often be where one would least expect it, from deep in the woods to just off a major road. But one thing for sure, he will have a flight path obstructed by natural vegetation to aid in his escape. Hunt where he feeds, crosses streams, or takes a nap and your chances will improve.

And remember-hunt often, be still, and don't stink!

Brantley began its next possession at the Zion Chapel 5-yardline after a fumbled snap on a punt attempt, and this time the Bulldogs needed only one play to score as on first down Channing Spivey lofted a 5-yard touchdown pass to Terrell Foster. The extra-point try was true, and with 9:19 remaining in the half the homecoming celebration was already underway on the Brantley side of the field as the Bulldogs owned a commanding 28-0 lead.

Zion Chapel's Bobby Pennington broke loose for a 10-yard gain on the Rebels' next possession for Zion Chapel's initial first down of the game, but the Rebels moved only three yards on the next three plays, and punted the ball back to the Bulldogs.

Brantley put the ball in play at the Zion Chapel 42-yardline after a 15-yard punt return by Terrell Foster, and six plays later were right back in the endzone. Antuan Foster gained 31 yards on 4 carries to spark the Bulldog drive, and it was Foster that scored the touchdown on a 12-yard dash. The extra-point try failed, but it made little difference as Brantley extended its lead to 34-0 with 3:41 remaining in the half.

Brantley's Antuan Foster returned the next Zion Chapel punt 48 yards to set the Bulldogs up at the Rebel one-yardline. However, this time the Bulldogs failed to cash in on the scoring opportunity as the Zion Chapel defense recovered a Bulldog fumble to end the scoring threat.

Zion Chapel received the second half kick off and finally gave the Rebels fans something to cheer about as the Rebels headed down the field. A 40-yard pass completion from Josh Smith to Michael Rayburn gave

Brantley, while Antuan Foster intercepted a Zion Chapel pass at the Bulldog 47-yardline to stop the Rebels' next possession, but failed to mount a drive and punted the ball back to the Rebels.

Zion Chapel began its final possession of the night at its own 8-yardline and behind the running of Hayden Osborn and the aid of a Brantley penalty moved the ball to near midfield. Osborn added a 25-yard run on the game's final play. However, the run left the Rebels short of the Brantley goal line and at the final horn the party was on on the Brantley side, as the Bulldogs celebrated the 47-0 win.

Devaris Skanes gained 63 yards on 6 carries to lead

Brantley, while Antuan Foster added 34 yards on 7 carries and Jimmy Mitchell added 30 yards on 3 totes. Channing Spivey hit on 4 of 7 passes for 41 yards and 2 touchdowns. Hayden Osborn gained 13 yards on 9 carries and Michael Rayburn added 11 yards on 11 carries to lead the Zion Chapel offense.

STATISTICS

ZC	1st Downs	B
4	8	
29	Rushing Yds.	158
51	Passing Yds.	41
80	Total Offense	199
3-6-2	Passes	4-7-0
3/2	Fumbles/Lost	1/1
0	Penalty Yds.	35

KEEP ELBA DRY RALLY and PRAYER SERVICE

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

7:00 pm Music

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Everyone is invited to join us for this community service prior to the vote on the Wet/Dry Referendum.

Please call Jack E. Brunson at 897-6056 for additional information.

(The event will last approximately 30 minutes. You may wish to bring a chair if needed.

The service will be held at First Baptist Church in the event of inclement weather.)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

William's Station Day to be held this Saturday in Almore

The annual Williams Station Day, sponsored by the Almore Area Chamber of Commerce, will be observed Saturday, Oct. 26. Spaces are still available for arts and crafts displays. For applications in the Juried Fine Arts Show or Craft Show call 251/268-3305. Blues, Mules, Arts & Crafts is once again the theme for this year's celebration. The Festival, in its 11th year, celebrates Almore's founding in 1866 when the community was named Williams Station - just a supply stop along the Mobile and Great Northern Railroad. For the blues crowd, Tony Lynn Washington, of the gospel and R&B tradition of the South, will be on center stage. E-mail address is almore@frontiernet.net

Good Luck!

Sarah Maddox

Miss Zion Chapel in the Miss Peanut Festival Pageant



Sarah Maddox
Miss Zion Chapel

Ashlyn Jones is first runner-up in Miss Homecoming Contest at Enterprise

Elizabeth Ashlyn Jones, the 17-year-old daughter of Lia Rester and Lee Jones of Enterprise, was recently selected first runner-up in the Enterprise High School Homecoming Queen contest.

Ashlyn, a senior at Enterprise High School, is a member of EHS National Champion Cheerleaders and Enterprise Encores Show Choir. She is also president of Jr. Pieterian Girls Club and a member of the Key Club.

She is the granddaughter of Denshy and Sylvia Lowery of the Wilkinstown Community.



Pictured L to R: Don Flowers, Mickey Jordan, Beverly Flowers Jordan, Linda Flowers and John Wheat, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Community and Rural Medicine

Beverly Jordan enters Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency Program

Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD, of Jack, Ala., graduated from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in May and has entered the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency Program at the College of Community Health Sciences for special training to be a family physician. She is a 1997 Rural Medical Scholar from Coffee County and a member of the second class of Rural Medical Scholars to graduate from medical school in preparation for a career as a rural doctor.

Dr. Jordan received the prestigious William R. Willard Dean's Award, a top honor at the University of Alabama School of Medicine (the UA's College of Community Health Sciences) where she completed her clinical training during the last two years of medical school. The Willard Award is presented annually to a senior medical student for outstanding contributions to the goals and mission of the College of Community Health Sciences. Dr. Jordan also won the department award for Community and Rural Medicine and a research award for her work on emergency medical response.

Jordan represented medical students as the student member on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians, served as president of UA's Family Medicine Interest Group during her sophomore year of medical school at UAB and was the delegate for the state of Alabama to the National FMIG Congress of Delegates in Kansas City, Mo. Under her leadership, the University of Alabama School of Medicine's Family Medicine Interest Group won The Program of Excellence award presented to groups which are exemplary in student involvement, family practice advocacy, community outreach, and patient advocacy. UASOM was one of ten—from medical schools including Mayo, Yale, and Oklahoma—honored by the American Academy of Family Physicians at the AAFP conference in 2000 for stimulating interest in family practice among medical students.

Jordan was the 1994 Valedictorian of Zion Chapel High School in Jack, Ala., and graduated with honors from the University of Alabama in 1997 with a BS in Athletic Training. Her honors include Dean's List, several scholarships, and Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society. Beverly and her husband, Mickey, have a six-year-old son, Dashi. Her parents are Don and Linda Flowers of Jack.

National Security Group, Inc. declares cash dividend

The Board of Directors of The National Security Group, Inc. declared a quarterly dividend of \$2.00-\$1.75 per share at its meeting on Oct. 17, 2002. This represents an annual dividend rate of \$7.00 per share.

This cash dividend is payable on Nov. 29, 2002, to shareholders of record Nov. 4, 2002.

With its home office in Elba, The National Security Group, Inc. is an insurance holding company. Its shares are traded in the over-the-counter market under the NASDAQ symbol NSEC.

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Ronnie Burns
Coffee County Resident Commissioner

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Ronnie Burns, 109 CG Hazlett Blvd., Enterprise, AL 36530

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STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 2001 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed law, set out herein as Act No. 2001-915; that such election be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002; and

WHEREAS, notice of this election, together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 2001-915 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, which Proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election, in all newspapers qualified to run legal notices in the State of Alabama;

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State, at the City of Montgomery, Alabama, on this 23rd day of September 2002.

Alabama of 1901, providing that any new proposed Constitution of Alabama adopted to replace the existing Constitution of Alabama of 1901, shall become effective only upon its ratification by a majority of the qualified voters voting on such ratification. "Proposed by Act 2001-915". This description shall be followed by the following language:

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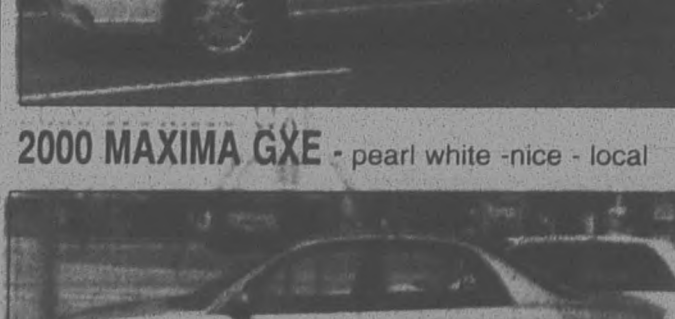
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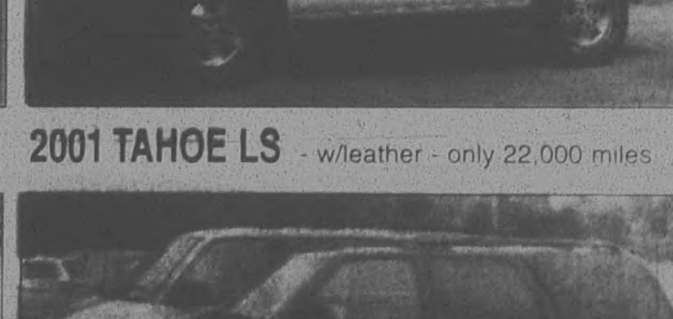
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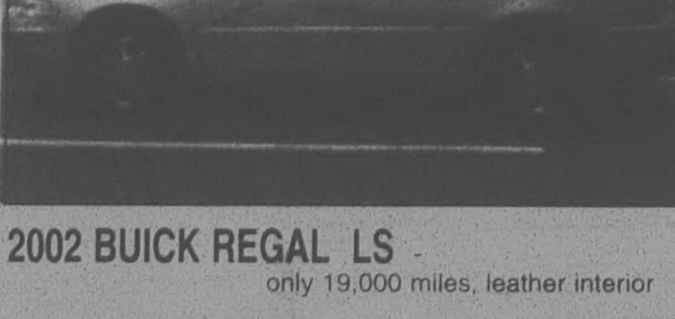
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Voters make their decision next Tuesday

Elba's wet-dry election and county's general election being held separately

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, will focus on the election of officials for various county and state positions, the voters of Elba will have an additional ballot to consider.

On that day, the City of Elba will conduct a municipal election to determine whether the legal sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages will be permitted within the corporate limits of the City.

This election will be in conjunction with the county and

state's general election in that it will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, and the polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., but that is where the common ground ends.

Since the election concerning the legal sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages is only a municipal election for the City

of Elba, there will be a separate ballot for it and votes can be cast in only one location . . . The Elba Recreation Center, 764 North Claxton Ave., Elba.

That means, registered voters who live within the City of Elba will have to vote two separate times next Tuesday.

For the county and state elections, there still will be three polling precincts in Elba for ballots to be marked: the Elba Recreation Center, the National Guard Armory (Airport Road)

and Mulberry Heights School. However, for the municipal election concerning the wet-dry issue (legal sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages), the Elba Recreation Center will be the only place voters can mark a ballot.

Although this will be time consuming and require extra travel for many of the voters in Elba, it is necessary by law for the two elections to be held separately in that one is a county organized election and the other is a city organized election.

Since normal municipal elections are held with only one polling precinct, this option election must be held in the same manner.

Simply put, the voters of Elba have two elections to cast their opinion towards next Tuesday. They will join other registered voters in Coffee County to elect the officials in various county and state races. Then, they will participate in an election being held only for the citizens of Elba.

Work underway on Elba levee rehab project



LEVEE REHAB WORK is underway in Elba. The above picture was taken from the Troy Highway on Tuesday, looking toward town and includes the area where the levee actually breached in 1990. Looking the other way off the highway (considered North) can be seen uprooted trees, etc. In spite of the wet weather conditions, the contractor is moving forward with the clearing and grading work. The levee height in this area will be raised six to eight feet higher. When work progresses to that point in a couple of months, the Troy Highway will be closed to all traffic for a while. Raising the total height of the levee will of course raise the Troy Highway crossing it and cause a very noticeable increase in the length of the approach slope on either side of the levee. There have been reports of citizens riding bicycles and 4-wheelers along the levee in the construction area. First, any private motorized vehicle on the levee is against the law. Secondly, with the construction equipment moving around the area, it is extremely dangerous to the citizens, both adults and children. City officials and the contractor urge people to please stay completely off the levee for the next eighteen months, during this rehab work.

Commission receives news from senior center grant

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission began making preparations for two new senior citizen centers Monday, Oct. 28, during its regular bimonthly meeting.

Commissioner Robert Stephens began the discussion when he announced the county received word over the weekend that the grant application for a senior center in the Mount Pleasant community and a senior center in the Ino community had been approved.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple told commissioners

all commissioners voting in favor except Commissioner Kayo Lewis, who abstained from the vote.

With that handled, Stephens told commissioners that the Ino Fire Department has agreed to lease the property to the senior center in that community for the new building to be constructed. He then made a motion that the county agree to allow the center to lease the property from the Ino Fire Department.

Stephens said most the other centers within the county that lease property have an agreement to lease for 25 years with

the option to renew after that time, and his motion followed suit.

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"This would take care of that." The motion, which received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook, passed unanimously.

County administration Wilson Mobley announced to commissioners Monday that it was time to elect a chairman and vice-chairman for the Fiscal Year 2003. This election is handled by secret ballot, and despite voting twice, the commission could not come up with a majority vote Monday morning to elect the chairman.

Therefore, Commissioner Stephens made a motion that the commission postpone the election until the next meeting.

After Stephens' motion received a second, a suggestion was offered to recess the meeting for a few minutes then hold another meeting, but Mobley

said the motion had to be voted on first.

With that said, Stephens' motion passed by a slim margin of 4-3. Commissioners Stephens, Westbrook, Lewis and Bernest Brooks voted in favor while Commissioners Tom Gramsley, Jim Thompson and Dalrymple voted against it.

With the Veterans Day holiday set for Monday, Nov. 11, a motion was made and approved for the commission to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

While he didn't agree that this wasn't a city street, he asked the council to give him some guidance on what could be done to get their restructuring work moving forward to meet the federal deadlines.

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Cotter indicated this agreement should allow the owners to meet their government deadlines.

The council voted to take action on the purchase of \$55,694 of grass cutting equipment. The motivation for this purchase was the taking over of the maintenance responsibilities at Evergreen Cemetery. The Cemetery board has agreed to pay the city \$20,000 a year for this work.

Mayor James Grimes presented council members with the three year cost of leasing this equipment and noted a bank loan at 4.25 percent would be cheaper on the city. He based those numbers on paying the first \$20,000 received from the Cemetery Board on the equipment and borrowing the balance. The purchase method would save the city \$2,500, Grimes said.

The council will discuss this matter in a yet unscheduled special and informal work session.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth addressed the council again on the need for video cameras in the police cars. He also informed council members of an

application through Homeland Security for seven new portable radios, like the group recently purchased for the department by the city council.

Whitworth told the council that the new records management computers are being installed and this necessitated some expansion of the workspace used for computer work.

There was a brief discussion with the council on people riding four-wheelers on the Elba levee. This is against municipal law and very dangerous during this construction period the chief explained.

One council member brought up a complaint about stray cats. He was told there is no city ordinance on cats. However, if a citizen catches a cat and takes it to the animal shelter, it will be accepted if there is available space.

The council voted to reschedule their November 11 meeting to November 12, due to the holiday.

Also, the council voted to give employees the Friday after Thanksgiving Day off as has been done in the past.

Beaver Dam Street was the main topic during Monday evening's Elba City Council meeting.

Citizens urged to be safe this Halloween

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will kick off the holiday season with "Pumpkins on the Square" on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-7 p.m.

This event will offer an opportunity for youngsters to trick-or-treat as merchants around the square along with other businesses from the city pass out candy.

This time will also serve as the official trick-or-treat time within the city of Elba, and all are encouraged to use safety precautions.

The following tips are recommended to parents and motorists for optimum this Halloween:

- Dress children in reflective clothing and light colors for maximum visibility
- Always have an adult supervise trick-or-treating to protect young children and watch for traffic.
- Only visit homes where porch and exterior lights are lit.
- Designate a specific route and stick to it.
- Motorists should slow down in residential areas (and around schools and churches) and expect to encounter children.
- Turn automobile lights on, even before dark. Remember, it will be getting dark much earlier.
- If possible, avoid driving on Halloween night at all. Run your errands before the last minute to minimize traffic.
- Avoid cutting across yards as they may be unseen hazards to trip over like holes, metal objects, or tools.
- If you see anything suspicious (like "tagging" or vandalism), notify authorities immediately.

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Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL LEAGUE on Friday, Nov. 1, also known as the "Turkey Trot" in the Elba area, will be held at the Elba Recreation Center. The New Brockton Community Center, 1000 Highway 101, will be the site of the game. The game will be held at 7 p.m. and the ticket price is \$5.00. The game will be held at 7 p.m. and the ticket price is \$5.00.

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY story time will be held Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the library for children ages 3-5.

COFFEE COUNTY PARISHMENT COMMUNICATIONS will be held on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. in the county office complex in New Brockton.

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